

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
April 23, 2021
Special Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Wheeler, Gail Gartin and Karen Horth Powers were present

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Robert Crouch

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Hofmann

STAFF BY ZOOM: Captain Schneider

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Wheeler entertained a motion reference the proposed correction in the rules and regulations of the Police Merit Commission and “draft” special meeting minutes of April 19, 2021. Ms. Powers moved to correct the Police Merit Commission rules to reflect the proposed correction to Article IV Promotions; Section B. (2) b) A member being promoted to Sergeant must have been a member for a minimum of five (5) years. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Powers moved to correct the “draft” minutes of the special meeting on April 19, 2021 to reflect the proper language to Article IV Promotions; Section B. (2) b) A member being promoted to Sergeant must have been a member for a minimum of five (5) years. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Captain Schneider requested approval of the filing from Testing for Public Safety, LLC (dba IPSP) minimum passing standards for the written examination results. IPSP is recommending the cut-off be set at 81.717% (applicants 1 through 43). Following discussion, Ms. Powers moved to set the cut-off at 81.717% for the minimum passing standard for the written exam. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Powers moved to allow 43 applicants to go through oral interviews. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS OF THE POLICE CHIEF: Police Chief Hofmann thanked the Commission for their willingness to meet on Friday, thus allowing the schedule for hiring and promotions to continue smoothly.

Captain Schneider requested a special meeting to determine the minimum passing standards for the oral interview; and filing of the oral interview results for the 2021 hiring process. There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Charles Wheeler, President

Kathleen Walton, City Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.